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JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Have the Government purchased any vessels for deep-sea fishing? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Not yet, Sir. But there is a scheme with regard to this which will be taken up as soon as our finances permit and as soon as the Government of India and the F.A.O. (the Food and Agricultural Organization) give us the necessary finances."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Have the Government any information about the reported availability of a vessel in Bombay? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" No information, Sir."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—POINT OF ORDER.

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, before we proceed to the next item on the Agenda, may I raise a point of order? I find that Hon. Sri Sitarama Reddi is taking part in the proceedings of the House here. I am not saying anything against personalities. His name has been gazetted as a Member of Parliament in Delhi. In other words, the right to sit in the House of the People had already accrued to him. Now he is also sitting in the Council and participating in its proceedings. Does that not violate the principle that a person could not sit and participate in the proceedings of the State and Central Legislatures simultaneously? There is the constitutional provision enabling a person who has not been elected to the Legislature to hold office as Minister, but here, the question relates to participation by the same Member in the proceedings of two Houses by holding office as State Minister. I once again like to repeat that I do not want to discuss personalities, but only want your ruling as to whether it is in order for the Hon. Minister to attend both the Houses and participate in their proceedings."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" So far as I know, I am sure the Hon. Minister will not take part in the proceedings of two Houses here and in Delhi. The moment he goes to the other House, he will vacate his Ministership here. He is not going to take any further part in the proceedings of the House to-day. Anyhow, if I remember right, I think the Government have examined this question and have come to the conclusion that the Hon. Minister can be a Minister here till he takes his oath as Member of Parliament. I would, however, like to hear the Hon. Minister in this matter."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, the question was examined by the Madras Government and was also referred to the Government of India. We are advised that I can continue here as Minister till I take the oath as Member of the House of the People or exercise my option of resigning membership of that House and get elected here."